

**TOWN OF TIVERTON, RHODE ISLAND
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**“TIVERTON, RI
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED TIVERTON TOWN CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on proposed Town Charter Amendments. This Public Hearing is scheduled for the Tiverton Town Council meeting to be held on Monday, July 28, 2008 at 7:00p.m. at the Tiverton High School Auditorium, 100 No. Brayton Road, Tiverton, RI.

The proposed amendments, may be altered or further amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment at the public hearing.

A copy of the proposed Town Charter Amendments are available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk between the hours of 8:30 and 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Anyone wishing to be heard on the proposed amendments should be present at the aforementioned date and time.

1. Charter Amendment to Article III and all sections as well as related Articles IV-section 407, Article V-section 503, Article VI-section 602, Article VII-section 703, Article VIII-sections 801&802, Article IX-sections 902&903, Article XI-section 1101, Article XII-section 1217, and Article XIII-section 1309, entitled “ All Day Financial Referendum”.

Ballot Question: *Shall article III and all related references of the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to replace the Financial Town Meeting (FTM) with an All Day Financial Referendum (ADFR) to approve or reject a proposed annual tax levy?*

2. Charter Amendment to Article I, amend Section 104 – Intergovernmental Agreements

Ballot Question: *Shall Section 104 of the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to allow the town of Tiverton to enter into agreements with any other state of the United States of America, or with any political subdivision thereof, for services and or functions?*

3. Charter Amendment to Article II, new Section 204 entitled “Transfer of Town Land”.

Ballot Question: *Shall a new Section 204 entitled “Transfer of Town Land” be added to the Charter to require that the sale of any land owned by the Town of Tiverton be approved by voters at an election?*

4. Charter Amendment to Article III, amend Section 310 - Unreserved General Fund.

Ballot Question: *Shall Section 310 of the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to clarify how the minimum reserve balance is to be managed?*

5. Charter Amendment to Article III, amend Section 310 - Unreserved General Fund.

Ballot Question: *Shall Section 310 of the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to increase the amount of general fund reserve from 3% to 5% in ¼% increments over the next eight years and clarify how the minimum reserve balance is to be managed?*

6. Charter Amendment to Article IV (Town Council), amend Section 407 and Article V (Town Administrator), amend Section 503 and Article XII (Miscellaneous), amend Section 1210

Ballot Question: *Shall Section 407 (13), Section 503 (5), and Section 1210 (a) be amended to clarify the Town Administrator's role as having sole authority to hire and fire department heads?*

7. Charter Amendment to Article IX, remove Section 905 - Industrial and Recreational Development Commission.

Ballot Question: *Shall Section 905 of the Charter entitled "Industrial and Recreational Development Commission" be removed?*

8. Charter Amendment to Article X, amend Section 1011 - General Qualifications

Ballot Question: *Shall Article X, Boards and Commissions, Section 1011 General Qualifications, of the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to limit members of town boards or commissions to electors that are NOT elected officials or employees of the town?*

9. Charter Amendment to Article XII, amend Section 1213 – Dual Office Holding

Ballot Question: *Shall Section 1213 of the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to allow an elected official to temporarily fill a vacant appointed position?*

10. Charter Amendment to Article III and all related sections

Ballot Question: *Shall the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to replace the Financial Town Meeting with provisions that empower the Town Council to adopt the Town budget subject to approval by Referendum if called for by Citizen petition(s) by:*

Modifying Sections 301, 301(a), 301(b), 302, 302(a), 304, 310, 407-3, 407-14, 503-1, 602(a)2, 602(a)9, 703-1, 703-2, 703-4, 703-5, 801, 801(a), 802, 902(a), 903(a), 1101(a), 1101(b), and 1217;

Deleting Sections 303, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 311, 703-3, and 1309; and,

Adding Sections 301(c), 301(d), 301(e), 301(f), 301(g), 302(b), 602(a)12, 602(a)13, and Appendix A?

11. Charter Amendment to Article III – Financial Town Meeting

Ballot Question: *Shall the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to change the date and time of the Financial Town Meeting from the third Wednesday in May to the second Saturday in May and the time from 7:00 o'clock P.M. to 9:00 o'clock A.M. Should said meeting need to be reconvened, it shall scheduled to the next following Saturday at the aforementioned time?.*

12. Charter Amendment to Article XII – Miscellaneous – Proposed New Section

Ballot Question: *Shall the Town Charter be amended to prohibit the use of Town resources to influence the outcome of a voting contest?*

13. Charter Amendment - Sections 407 Power and Duties of Town Council and Section 1101 Powers and Duties School Committee

Ballot Question: *Shall the Charter be amended to require the Town Council and School Committee to make public the details of any tentative agreement requiring approval of that body at least 3 days prior to the meeting at which the approval vote is to be taken?*